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## SAPD OFFERS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The San Antonio Police Department is offering free training for F.A.C.T. (Family Assistance Crisis Team) volunteers that is scheduled for:

July 19<sup>th</sup> and July 26<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

and

July 29<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

All three training sessions will be held at police headquarters, 214 W. Nueva.

Domestic violence and its devastating consequences take a toll on the entire community. Volunteers help make a difference one life at a time. Joining the F.A.C.T. team is a way to help those living with violence in their relationships.

Volunteers assist victims of family violence by providing information about their rights, available community resources, the effects of violence in the home on children, and the need to have a safety plan. Volunteers can choose to work one Friday or Saturday night a month, from 7pm-2am at one of the six police substations.

Volunteers can also choose to work at least 8 hours a month at the Family Justice Center which is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Volunteers will assist people in a variety of ways as they come to the Center seeking services.

For more information or to apply, call 207-2305 or email Ivie. Tovar@sanantonio.gov

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